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Subject: JIOA

I asked Col. Booth to see me this morning. I pointed out to him when he came that we were getting a complete run-around by the JIOA: I referred to the provision of the SWNCC Paperclip paper which called for a certification by JIOA of the "United States Exploitation List" but no such list had ever been submitted to me; I pointed to the provision that data lists were to be submitted to JIOA on the arrival of the individuals and that no such information had been sent to me; I pointed out again that when persons were returned to Germany, the facts were supposed to be sent to JICA and that here again I received no such information; I also called his attention to our attempts to get information and the run-around which we were given by the JIOA and the War Department to the point that General Hilldring had had to write a personal letter to Assistant Secretary Petereon.

Col. Booth said that it was probable that Ford was taking the view that the State Department was only advisory and therefore should be brought in only on questions of policy, but he conceded when I referred to the documents that there was no support for that view in the charter or delegation which was given by the Governing Committee to the Director. He then said that a movement was on to take the State Department out of JIC, and in that case we would have to decide what to do about JIOA anyhow. The present thinking was that we would have to get completely out of the Joint Chiefs organization and set up our intelligence in CIG only. I suggested that in that case JIOA was not performing any intelligence functions at all and that we were being estopped by some of their activities over which we had no control, as evidenced by the pending paper which indicated that the Secretary of War was finding the JIOA program embarrassing.

Booth advised that I make a record in writing which could then be taken up through the higher levels by Mr. Eddy. I said that I would take the opportunity at the meeting of the Governing Committee tomorrow.

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